

Church News.

FROM UNIONTOWN, PA.

Our work here in the George's Creek church is moving along slowly. Our communion services, both at Masontown, and at the Grove are past. The services at both places were well attended, and were very enjoyable, though the number of communicants were not as many as would be desired, yet we think by patient work and right living they can, perhaps be increased. At least the outlook is favorable. Work here is plenty. It seeks the preacher. At Masontown I generally teach a class, and then preach at 10:30, get my dinner and walk four miles to Middle Run by 4 o'clock, preach there, get my supper and journey on three miles to McClellantown, and preach for them in the evening. Usually we have only one service on Lord's day at the Grove church, but now arrangements are made to preach at Fairchance in the afternoon of the same day of the Grove meeting. I met quite a large congregation at Fairchance on last Lord's day at three o'clock P. M. Sister Mary Sterling started for New Jersey this morning to assist Brother Bowman of Philadelphia, Pa., in holding a camp meeting in that state. May the good Lord bless their labors. More anon.

Aug. 13.

J. W. FITZGERALD.

CAMP MEETING.

The annual camp meeting under the auspices of the Brethren church of California, will be held in Koch's Grove, near Ripon, commencing Thursday, August 29th, and continuing over two Sundays. An able minister from Ohio, will be present and preach twice daily, also other ministers are expected and will assist in the different services. Children's Day, 31st of August, at 2 P. M., the local S. S. will be represented. Ample arrangements have been made to feed those who may attend at the following rates: 15 meals for \$1.00, 7 meals for 50 cents, 3 meals for 25 cents, single meals 10 cents on week days. Sunday dinner and supper 25 cents per meal. Also, provender for horses on the ground. Those who desire to camp and board themselves are welcome to do so. Let all avail themselves of the privileges of this camp meeting. We cordially invite all. By order of Camp Meeting committee,

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THE corner stone of life is a loaf of bread.

FROM ROANOKE, VA.

We have the pleasure to chronicle the outward flowing of the Progressive tide, which set in so favorably at our Boone's Chapel branch last spring. Our July meetings resulted in the acquisition of five members by confession, and many others are on the borders of the King's country. Our hopes for the future are based on the solid rock of God's promises and we go forward to certain victory by faith in those promises.

Tho Brethren's doctrine of "Profession of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and covenant to take the Gospel as the only rule of faith and practice" as the only condition of baptism is getting deeply imbedded in the hearts of the people and the continued conversions, which we herald, illustrate the power of that doctrine. Let us keep that proclamation at the mast head of the Progressive ship and we will land a rich freight of souls in heaven's port. Our work in Franklin county is opening most encouragingly. The program for the fall campaign comprehends revivals at all points where we have been sowing the religious seed, and love feasts wherever we have members enough to form a quorum. It is becoming more apparent to me, as the true inwardness of the question of consolidation is being slowly envolved, that the quickest and best way to bring it about is to keep digging at the root of the decaying tree of tradition. Her old structure is falling to pieces, or is being traced by the infusion of Progressive material.

We are, without doubt, entering the dawn of a grand day for the cause of Progression, and we have only to keep our faith warm by constant work to reach the goal of our most ardent hopes.

A comedy in two acts was enacted at Boone's Chapel last Sunday a week.

Act 1.—A venerable and worthy Methodist minister was called there by a young licentiate to immerse a young lady into the Methodist fold. The prelude to immersion was a sermon filled with assertion that immersion was not taught in the Gospel, and the whole arsenal of anti-immersion ammunition was fired into the camp.

Act 2.—A large assemblage of curious spectators, gathered at the side of a temporary dam across a small mountain branch. The water about two feet deep, and the minister and the young woman down into it. She was tall, well formed and of vigorous temperament.

In the conventional, single backward-action form, the minister laid her gently down beneath the yielding wave, so low,

necessarily, that she reached an almost horizontal position. The heroic effort to raise her to a standing position was more than his supernatuated arm could perform, and she, left to her own exertion to immerge from her watery grave, broke from his feeble grasp, and sank down the second time into the watery element. The minister in the struggle, was thrown beneath the baptismal wave, but quickly emerging, he smilingly "pulled for the shore," dripping from head to foot, doubtless more convinced than ever, that immersion is not good, Methodist especially, when applied to reluctant Methodist preachers. The transaction was so ludicrous that the vast concourse of spectators lost their gravity and sense of propriety and gave vent to their feelings in convulsive laughter.

We are arranging to hold a two or three week's camp meeting in that neighborhood in September. It will be strictly for revival and communion purposes. I expect to devote most of the time to revival work from this date to the beginning of winter. The program is to go to Floyd City about the 15th inst., and remain there till the 12th of Sept., then to the National Conference. On my return I will go to Conell city and return to Roanoke about Sept. 25. From that period till the latter part of November I will assist in several revivals in this state. Southwest Virginia is ripe for Progressive doctrine. May the Lord of the vineyard direct the work and receive all the glory.

D. C. MOOMAW.

P. S.—Since writing the foregoing three more persons have made the saving confession and will be baptized at our next meeting. The harvest is fully ripe. Reapers, thrust in the sickle.

FROM WILLIAMSTOWN, OHIO.

Again we come with our report. On August 11, we decided to have a picnic instead of Children's Day or Harvest meeting, the picnic to be held at a place called Crystal lake, on August 17. The picnic proved a success in every way. The site was one of the best to be found; plenty of good water; a building furnished with seats and tables and an excellent place for boat riding. The day was one to be remembered. This is one of the ways of keeping the children interested in the work. At our regular preaching services, August 18, three sisters were received into the church by relation and so the good work goes on. We expect to hold a church meeting on the last Saturday of this month at which time we expect to elect our delegates to the National Conference.

Aug. 19.

W. O. TROWBRIDGE.